

## Public Notice

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Sugar Run Address comments to:

2004 March 24,

US Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District

**602 Eighth Street** ATTN: CELRH-F

Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a joint public hearing will be conducted by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA). The public hearing will be held as follows:

SUBJECT: New Albany Links Golf Course Public Hearing

**DATE**: March 24, 2004

**TIME**: 6:30 p.m.

The OEPA will hold an informal question and answer session commencing at 6:30 p.m. Information gathered during this informal session will not be included in verbatim transcript. The formal joint public hearing, conducted by the Corps and OEPA, will commence upon completion of OEPA's informal session. All statements, both oral and written, presented during the formal public hearing will be recorded and become part of the official record.

LOCATION: New Albany Middle School-Cafeteria

6600 E. Dublin Granville Road New Albany, Ohio 43054

**APPLICANT**: New Albany Links Golf Company

567 Lazelle Road

Westerville, Ohio 43081

PURPOSE: To consider an after-the-fact application submitted by the New Albany Links Golf Company, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The applicant requested authorization for the placement of fill material into 9.89 acres of wetlands and 100 linear feet of Sugar Run. The project is located in and adjacent to Sugar Run of the Rocky Fork creek Watershed and its unnamed tributaries north of Central College Road and south of Walnut Road in the Village of New Albany, Franklin County, Ohio. Bevelhymer Road bisects the property in a north to south direction through the center of the site.

A total of 23.65 acres of wetlands and 4,700 linear feet of Sugar Run were identified on the property prior to filling activities. Approximately 7.81 acres of wetlands were previously filled during the initial stages of the golf course and residential development. The current proposal would include the placement of fill material into approximately 2.08 additional acres of wetlands to complete the construction of road crossings, a driving range, and residential lots. Approximately 1.10 acres of existing wetland impacts are proposed for restoration. Permanent wetland losses after restoration would total 8.79 acres. The applicant has submitted a proposed mitigation plan to compensate for the loss of wetlands associated with the project.

All interested parties are invited to be present at the above time and place, including officials of any local government or any association whose interest may be affected by the proposal. They will be given an opportunity to express views concerning the proposed request. Oral statements supporting or opposing the proposal will be heard. Written statements may be presented at the hearing or mailed to this office prior to the hearing date.

In an effort to conserve and eliminate duplication of facts presented, groups with common interests are encouraged to consolidate their comments for presentation by a representative spokesman.

The public hearing is being conducted to ensure that every effort is made to identify and weigh all beneficial and adverse effects of the proposed work. The closing date for receipt of written comments concerning this project has been extended until April 5, 2004.

If you have any questions concerning this public notice, please call Tammy R. Fudge at 304-399-5210.

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